the matter of allotment of space in Hangar No.10 and leasing of 35,000 sq. ft. of land to M/S Mesco Airlines for construction of hangar at Juhu Airport during the year 1992. The case is under investigation of CBI.

[English]

Extension of Railway Platform in Giridih Railway Station

276. SHRI MAHABIR LAL BISHVAKARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Platforms of Giridih Railway Station under Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the funds allocated therefor; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) Work of extension of platform at Giridih was taken up during 1996-97 at a cost of Rs.3.51 lakh and has since been completed.

Earthquake in M.P

277. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether "HUDCO" has proposed to extend loans for residential purposes to the victims of earthquakes that struck the State of Madhya Pradesh around mid-year;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of persons applied in those schemes so far; and

(d) the number of persons benefited alongwith the amount of loan provided?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) In consultation with the State Government HUDCO has drawn up a package for providing loan assistance to the extent of Rs.114.00 crores to the nominated State agencies for reconstruction and repairs of 55000 houses which were fully/partially damaged in and around Jabalpur in the earthquake in May, 1997.

(b) So far HUDCO has sanctioned loan assistance of Rs. 45.71 crores for reconstruction of 5727 dwelling units and repair of 12733 dwelling units. As on 15.11.97, it has released Rs.6.43 crores to the implementing state agencies based on proposals submitted by the State Government.

(c) and (d) As reported by HUDCO , as on 12.11.97, a total number of 3331 loan applications have been received by implementing agencies out of which 2451 applications have been sanctioned for loan assistance of Rs.660.00 lakhs, Rs. 302.67 lakhs has been disbursed by the implementing agencies.

Electrification of Railway Routes

278. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a comprehensive plan has been formulated by the Government for electrification of Railway routes;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the percentage of the total existing network of Railways which is proposed to be electrified by the Government during ,1997;

(d) whether any time bound scheme has been formulated for this electrification ; and

(e) if so, the annual target fixed for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VAILS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Subject to availability of funds, electrification of 2300 Route Kilometre has been planned during IX plan. 0.8% of the total existing network of the Railways is proposed to be electrified during 1997-98.

Annual targets for electrification during IX plan are planned as under :

1997-98	500 KM
1998-99	450 KM
1999-2000	450 KM
2000-2001	450 KM
2001-2002	450 KM

[Translation]

Expansion of DD Network in Himachal Pradesh

279. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :
SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the plan formulated by the Government for expansion of Doordarshan Network in Himachal Pradesh during the last four months;

(b) whether the T.V. Towers installed there are not functioning properly;